

HOUSE RESOLUTION 38

By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ruby Simms Fox on the celebration of her ninety-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Simms Fox will celebrate her ninety-fifth birthday on May 1, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of John Marion and Hulda Thomas Simms, Ruby Simms Fox was born and raised in the Simms Community of Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of New Market, Tennessee, Ruby Fox is a highly respected member of the her community; and

WHEREAS, along with her husband, James Swann Fox, who died in 1973, Ruby Simms Fox maintained a dairy farm in New Market from 1942 until 1993; she also spent sixteen years working with Tinsley Jewelers in Jefferson City; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years, Mrs. Fox attended Loy Memorial United Methodist Church in New Market, where she served as the treasurer of the United Methodist Women's Organization; and

WHEREAS, an avid gardener, a wonderful cook, and a gracious host, Ruby Fox retired at Darby House when she was ninety-one, leaving her beloved church, community, and garden; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Simms Fox is the proud mother of Karen Whitt and the late Robert Fox, the grandmother of Dr. Samuel Lee Whitt, Sara Elaine Whitt, Lisa Roberts, John Robert Fox, and Taylor Fox, and the great-grandmother of Scott, Kennedy, and Roy;

WHEREAS, as Ruby Simms Fox approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate and honor Mrs. Ruby Simms Fox on the celebration of her ninety-fifth birthday and extend to her our heartiest wishes for continued health and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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